

Remarks

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-12, 27-29, 31-33, 38, and 42-53 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 27-29, 31, 38, 42, 46, 48, and 51 being the independent claims.

Claims 1, 31, 38, 42, 46, 48, and 51 have been amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for permitting Applicants' undersigned attorney to conduct an interview on July 31, 2003.

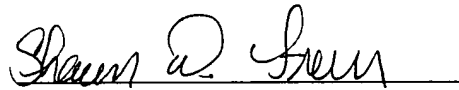
The amendments to the claims have been made in accordance with the discussion with the Examiner during that interview. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the feature of monitoring a second application operating independently of the first application on the local machine, to identify the plurality of hyper-text documents accessed by the second application. The other relevant independent claims have been similarly amended to further clarify this feature.

Applicants submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons that the base claims from which they depend are allowable, and further due to the additional features that they recite. Individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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